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## Section A

- 1 (a) force per unit mass (*ratio idea essential*) B1 [1]
- (b)  $g = GM/R^2$  C1  
 $8.6 \times (0.6 \times 10^7)^2 = M \times 6.67 \times 10^{-11}$  C1  
 $M = 4.6 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$  A1 [3]
- (c) (i) *either* potential decreases as distance from planet decreases  
*or* potential zero at infinity and X is closer to zero  
*or* potential  $\propto -1/r$  and Y more negative M1  
to point Y is closer to planet. A1 [2]
- (ii) idea of  $\Delta\phi = \frac{1}{2}v^2$  C1  
 $(6.8 - 5.3) \times 10^7 = \frac{1}{2}v^2$   
 $v = 5.5 \times 10^3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  A1 [2]
- 2 (a) *either* the half-life of the source is very long  
*or* decay constant is very small  
*or* half-life  $\gg 40$  days  
*or* decay constant  $\ll 0.02 \text{ day}^{-1}$  B1 [1]
- (b) number of helium atoms =  $3.5 \times 10^6 \times 40 \times 24 \times 3600$  C1  
=  $1.21 \times 10^{13}$   
*either*  $pV = NkT$  *or*  $pV = nRT$  and  $n = N/N_A$  C1  
 $1.5 \times 10^5 \times V = 1.21 \times 10^{13} \times 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 290$   
 $V = 3.2 \times 10^{-13} \text{ m}^3$  A1 [3]  
(if uses  $T/^\circ\text{C}$  or  $n = 1$  or  $n = 4$ , then 1 mark max for calculation of number of atoms)
- 3 (a) increasing separation of molecules / breaking bonds between molecules B1  
(*allow atoms/molecules, overcome forces*)  
doing work against atmosphere (during expansion) B1 [2]
- (b) (i) 1 *either* bubbles produced at a constant rate / mass evaporates/lost at constant rate  
*or* find mass loss more than once and this rate should be constant B1 [1]  
*or* temperature of liquid remains constant B1 [1]
- 2 to allow/cancel out/eliminate/compensate for heat losses (to atmosphere) B1 [1]  
(*do not allow 'prevent'/'stop'*)
- (ii) use of *power*  $\times$  *time* = *mass*  $\times$  *specific latent heat* C1  
 $(70 - 50) \times 5 \times 60 = (13.6 - 6.5) \times L$  C1  
 $L = 845 \text{ J g}^{-1}$  A1 [3]

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- 4 (a) (i)  $(\theta =) \omega t$  (allow any subject if all terms given) B1 [1]
- (ii)  $(SQ =) r \sin \omega t$  (allow any subject if all terms given) B1 [1]
- (b) this is the solution of the equation  $a = -\omega^2 x$  M1  
 $a = -\omega^2 x$  is the (defining) equation of s.h.m. A1 [2]
- (c) (i)  $f = \omega / 2\pi$  C1  
 $= 4.7 / 2\pi$   
 $= 0.75 \text{ Hz}$  A1 [2]
- (ii)  $v = r\omega$  ( $r$  must be identified) C1  
 $= 4.7 \times 12$   
 $= 56 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$  A1 [2]
- 5 (a) (i) ratio of charge (on body) and its potential B1 [1]  
(do not allow reference to plates of a capacitor)
- (ii) (potential at surface of sphere  $=$ )  $V = Q / 4\pi\epsilon_0 r$  M1  
 $C = Q / V = 4\pi\epsilon_0 r$  A0 [1]
- (b) (i)  $C = 4 \times \pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 0.36$   
 $= 4.0 \times 10^{-11} \text{ F}$  (allow 1 s.f.) A1 [1]
- (ii)  $Q = CV$   
 $= 4.0 \times 10^{-11} \times 7.0 \times 10^5$   
 $= 2.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ C}$  A1 [1]
- (c) plastic is an insulator / not a conductor / has no free electrons B1  
charges do not move (on an insulator) B1  
either so no single value for the potential  
or charge cannot be considered to be at centre B1 [3]
- (d) either energy  $= \frac{1}{2}CV^2$  or energy  $= \frac{1}{2}QV$  and  $C = Q/V$  C1  
energy  $= \frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times 10^{-11} \times \{(7.0 \times 10^5)^2 - (2.5 \times 10^5)^2\}$  C1  
 $= 8.6 \text{ J}$  A1 [3]

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6	(a) unit of magnetic flux density / magnetic field strength (uniform) <u>field</u> normal to wire carrying current of 1 A giving force (per unit length) of $1 \text{ N m}^{-1}$		B1 M1 A1 [3]
	(b) (i) force on magnet / balance is downwards (so by Newton's third law) force on wire is upwards pole P is a north pole		B1 M1 A1 [3]
	(ii) $F = BIL$ <u>and</u> $F = mg$ ( $g$ missing, then 0/3 in (ii)) $2.3 \times 10^{-3} \times 9.8 = B \times 2.6 \times 4.4 \times 10^{-2}$ ( $g = 10$ , loses this mark) $B = 0.20 \text{ T}$		C1 C1 A1 [3]
	(c) reading for maximum current = $2.3 \times \sqrt{2}$ total variation = $2 \times 2.3 \times \sqrt{2}$ = 6.5 g		C1 A1 [2]
7	coil in series with meter ( <i>do not allow inclusion of a cell</i> ) push <u>known</u> pole into coil observe current <u>direction</u> ( <i>not reading</i> ) (induced) field / field from coil repels magnet <i>either</i> states rule to determine direction of magnetic field in coil <i>or</i> reversing magnet direction gives opposite deflection on meter direction of induced current such as to oppose the change producing it		B1 B1 B1 B1 B1 B1 [6]
8	(a) wave theory predicts any frequency would give rise to emission of electron if exposure time is sufficiently long photon has (specific value of) energy dependent on frequency emission if energy greater than threshold / work function / energy to remove electron from surface		M1 A1 M1 A1 [4]
	(b) photon is packet/quantum of energy of electromagnetic radiation (photon) energy = $h \times$ frequency		M1 A1 B1 [3]
	every <u>particle</u> has an (associated) wavelength wavelength = $h / p$ where $p$ is the momentum (of the particle)		B1 M1 A1 [3]
9	(a) (i) $\Delta N / \Delta t$ (ignore any sign)		B1 [1]
	(ii) $\Delta N / N$ (ignore any sign)		B1 [1]
	(b) source must decay by 8% $A = A_0 \exp(-\ln 2 t / T_{1/2})$ or $A / A_0 = 1 / (2^{t/T})$ $0.92 = \exp(-\ln 2 \times t / 5.27)$ or $0.92 = 1 / (2^{t/5.27})$ $t = 0.634$ years = 230 days (allow 2 marks for $A / A_0 = 0.08$ , answer 7010 days allow 1 mark for $A / A_0 = 0.12$ , answer 5880 days)		C1 C1 C1 A1 [4]

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## Section B

- 10 (a)** (part of) the output is added to /returned to / mixed with the input and is out of phase with the input / fed to inverting input B1 B1 [2]
- (b)**  $25 = 1 + (120 / R)$   
 $R = 5 \text{ k}\Omega$  C1 A1 [2]
- (c) (i)**  $-2 \text{ V}$  A1 [1]
- (ii)**  $9 \text{ V}$  A1 [1]
- 11 (a)** pulse of ultrasound (1)  
reflected at boundaries / boundary (1)  
received / detected (at surface) by transducer (1)  
signal processed and displayed (1)  
time between transmission and receipt of pulse gives (information about) depth of boundary (1)  
reflected intensity gives information as to nature of boundary (1)  
(any four points, 1 each, max 4) B4 [4]
- (b) (i)** coefficient =  $(Z_2 - Z_1)^2 / (Z_2 + Z_1)^2$   
=  $(6.3 - 1.7)^2 / (6.3 + 1.7)^2$   
= 0.33 (unit quoted, then -1) C1 A1 [2]
- (ii)** fraction =  $\exp(-\mu x)$   
=  $\exp(-23 \times 4.1 \times 10^{-2})$   
= 0.39 C1 A1 [2]
- (iii)** intensity =  $0.33 \times 0.39^2 \times I$   
= 0.050 I C1 A1 [2]  
(do not allow e.c.f. from (i) and (ii) if these answers are greater than 1)
- 12 (a)** loss / reduction in power / energy / voltage/ amplitude (of the signal) B1 [1]
- (b) (i)** attenuation =  $125 \times 7 = 875 \text{ dB}$  A1 [1]
- (ii)** 20 amplifiers  
gain =  $20 \times 43 = 860 \text{ dB}$  A1 [1]
- (c)** gain =  $10 \lg(P_1/P_2)$  C1  
overall gain =  $-15 \text{ dB}$  / attenuation is 15 dB C1  
 $-15 = 10 \lg(P / 450)$   
 $P = 14 \text{ mW}$  A1 [3]

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- 13 (a)** switch; tuning cct; (r.f.) amplifier; demodulator;  
serial-to-parallel converter; DAC; (a.f.) amplifier  
*mark as 2 sets of 2 marks each*

5 blocks identified correctly

B2

*(each error or omission, deduct 1 mark)*

5 blocks in correct order

B2 [4]

*(4 or 3 blocks in correct order, allow 1 mark)*

- (b)** phone transmits signal (to identify itself) (1)  
signal received by (several) base stations (1)  
transferred to cellular exchange (1)  
computer selects base station with strongest signal (1)  
assigns a (carrier) frequency (1)  
*(any four, 1 each, max 4)*

B4 [4]